

Invitation to a Workshop

On Bird Atlasing and Monitoring in Africa

The A P Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (APLORI) and the Animal Demography Unit (ADU) hereby invites you to a workshop at APLORI at the beginning of December, maybe 4-8th, 2017.

The aim of this workshop is to launch the African Bird Atlas Project (BirdMAP).

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Work out how to integrate the various "players"; ADU, BirdLasser, eBird, BirdTrack, other national institutions and NGOs into a common framework to promote atlasing and studies of the change in distribution of birds in Africa.
- Discuss how we best can carry out bird monitoring in Africa, a continent where breeding seasons often vary between years, and where breeding is frequently unsynchronized between species.
- Discuss the value of doing fieldwork throughout the year in Africa, which also enables us to quantify the phenology of migrants with the African Bird Atlas Project. In contrast to Europe, where atlas projects are frequently "breeding" or "winter" projects.

The African Bird Atlas Project (BirdMAP) should be viewed as a tool, or a platform, to increase the number of countries involved in atlasing in Africa according to a standard uniform protocol.

- What are the main challenges?
- What do we need to put in place?
- Can we all agree that we shall use the SABAP2 protocol and that ADU should be hosting the database?
- Modalities for access to data
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Monitoring:

- Which bird monitoring schemes do we have at present?
- What have we learnt from these?
- Do we want to attempt to have a common monitoring scheme
- If yes, who will take the lead on this?

Attendance and Participation:

APLORI will host the workshop, we can lodge up to 20 people. People travel to and from Nigeria at their own cost, a limited amount for travel grants can hopefully be found. Participants should arrive to Abuja or Lagos for further transport to Jos, from Lagos by domestic flight from Abuja in bus. Food at APLORI will be provided to a low cost.